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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance the case to issue without delay.

Claims 10 and 11 were rejected to because in each included the term "Fig." which should have read "Claim." Applicant has so amended Claims 10 and 11.

Claim 1 has been amended by specifying that the sunshade means comprises a roller means and a flexible sunshade mounted on said roller means. Support is found in original Claim 5 and at page 5 (lines 1-4). Claim 10 has been amended to identify each of the four sunshade means and a flexible sunshade mounted on a roller and when unrolled, covering a respective front windshield, rear windshield, left side window and right side window. Support is found at page 5 (lines 1-5) and in Fig. 6.

Claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Perlman (U.S. Patent No. 1,329,627). Applicant traverses this rejection.

Amended Claim 1 requires a flexible sunshade capable of being unrolled to cover a front windshield of the automobile. Perlman does not disclose this feature. The "sunshade" (Y and 2) of the reference merely serves as a retractable roof on a vehicle body. For this reason, there would be no anticipation.

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Brosman (U.S. Patent No. 5,280,801). Applicant traverses this rejection.

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Brosman suffers from the same deficiency as Perlman with regard to amended Claim 1. There is no disclosure of a flexible sunshade which can be unrolled to cover a front windshield. For this reason, there would be no anticipation.

Claims 1 – 4, 6, 7, 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by French (U.S. Patent No. 4,362,258). Applicant traverses this rejection.

Amended Claim 1 requires a flexible sunshade which can be unrolled to cover a front windshield. There is no such feature in this reference. For this reason, French would not anticipate the claims.

Claims 2 – 4 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Perlman. Applicant traverses this rejection.

Perlman is concerned with the problem of providing a retractable roof for an automobile. In other words, this invention is one of the earliest inventions to a “convertible” touring car. By contrast, a main objective of the present invention is a system which rather than being focused on touring seeks to protect a vehicle in a stationary position. Solar heating of a vehicle interior to a not small extent enters via the front windshield. Ordinarily, the front windshield is the largest transparent panel of the vehicle. Moreover, the usually angled arrangement of the windshield compounds the problem of solar heat entry. The present invention provides a convenient mechanism for placing a flexible sunshade over that windshield thereby to some extent minimizing heat built up within the vehicle. Anyone skilled in the art providing sunshades to windshields would not consult a “convertible” art.

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Claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over French.

Applicant traverses this rejection.

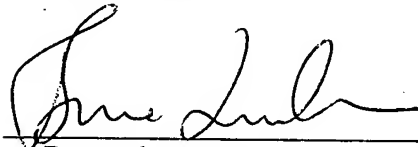
French focuses upon the problem of converting a van body into a pop-up top camper. By contrast, the present invention is focused upon providing a flexible sunshade to a windshield of a vehicle. French discloses neither a flexible sunshade that can cover a front windshield nor a mount based on a roller means. For these reasons, French does not render the instant invention obvious.

In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicant requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection and now allow the claims.

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